Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa link has been taken up by NWDA after signing of a tripartite agreement between the Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25.08.2005. Implementation of inter basin water transfer proposals depends upon consensus and cooperation of the concerned states. No interlinking project under NPP is under implementation and the stage has not come for the financial planning of interlinking of Rivers (ILR) project.

Diversion of river water by China

†425. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had offered to constitute a joint team to China after appearing of news-item with regard to Chinese efforts for diverting water of Brahmaputra river, which is flowing towards India into its territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) time when this proposal had been prepared at first;

(d) whether the proposal has been implemented so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) There have been reports about China undertaking projects to divert waters of Brahmaputra river. Government of India has taken up this issue with the Chinese side several times including during the visit of the Hon'ble President of China to India in November 2006. The joint declaration issued during the visit *inter-alia* states, "The two sides will set up an expert-level machanism to discuss interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data emergency management and other issues regarding trans-border rivers as agreed between them."

(d) and (e) In pursuance of the above, both the sides have constituted their expert groups.

Report regarding old dams

†426. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) total number of dams which are hundred years or more than hundred years old at present in the country;

(b) the number of reports the Central Water Commission has received from States during last two years regarding the status of dams alongwith details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.